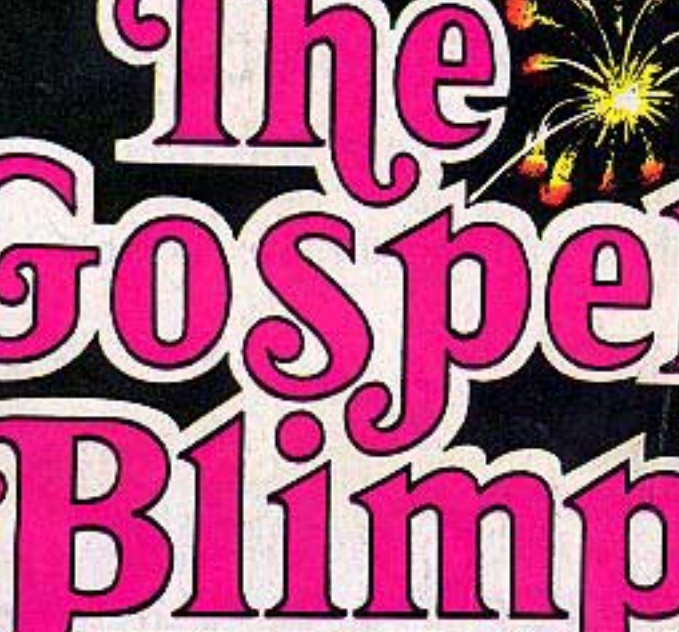




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ALL HAVE SINNED
DON'T BE A LITTERBUG



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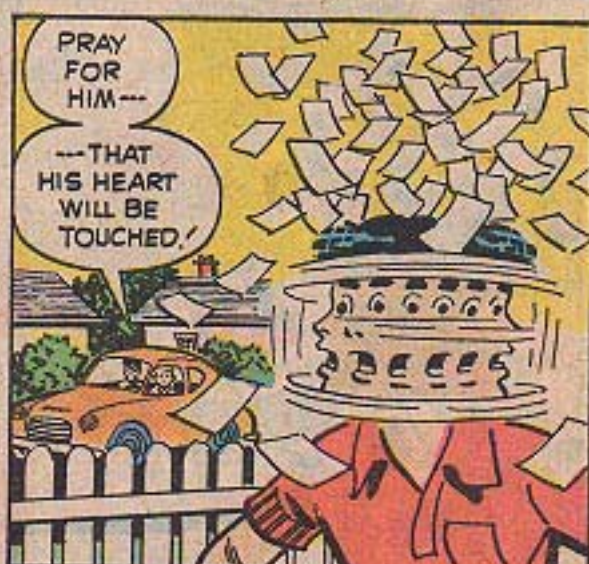
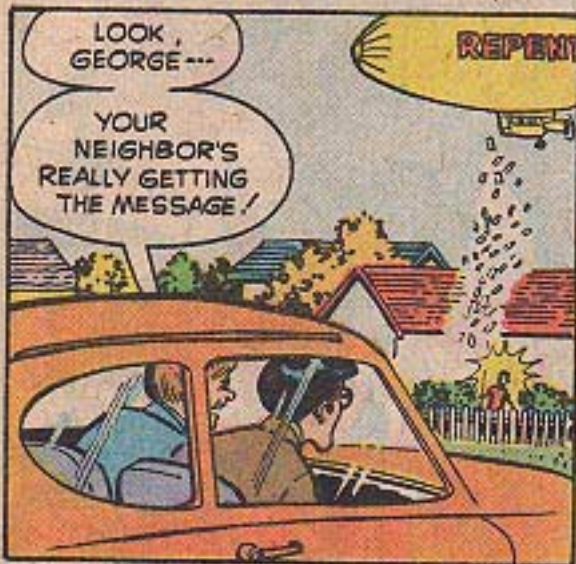
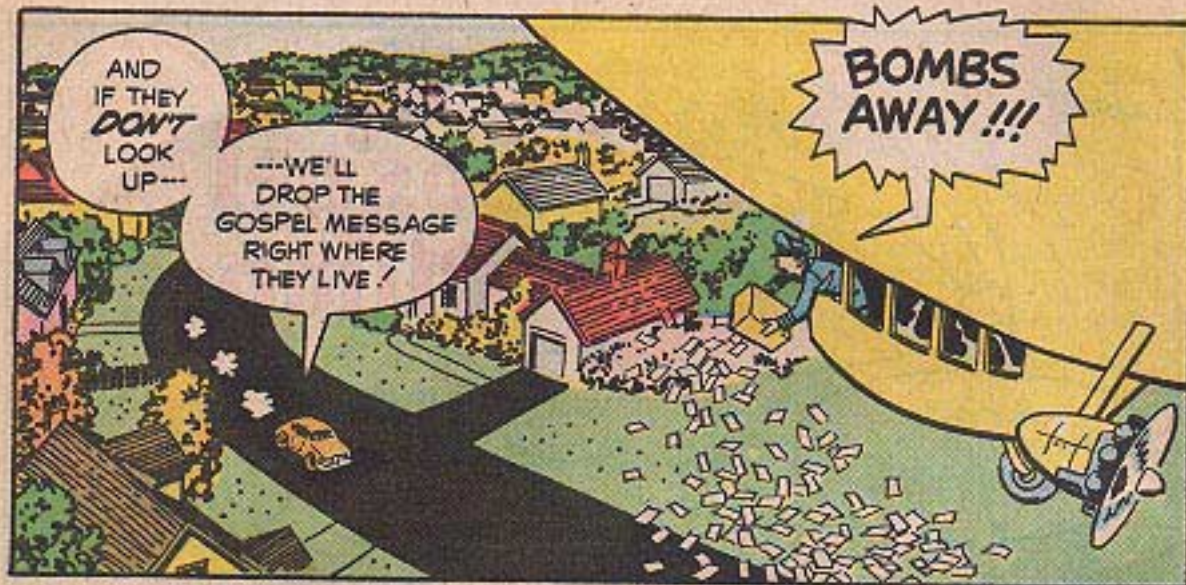
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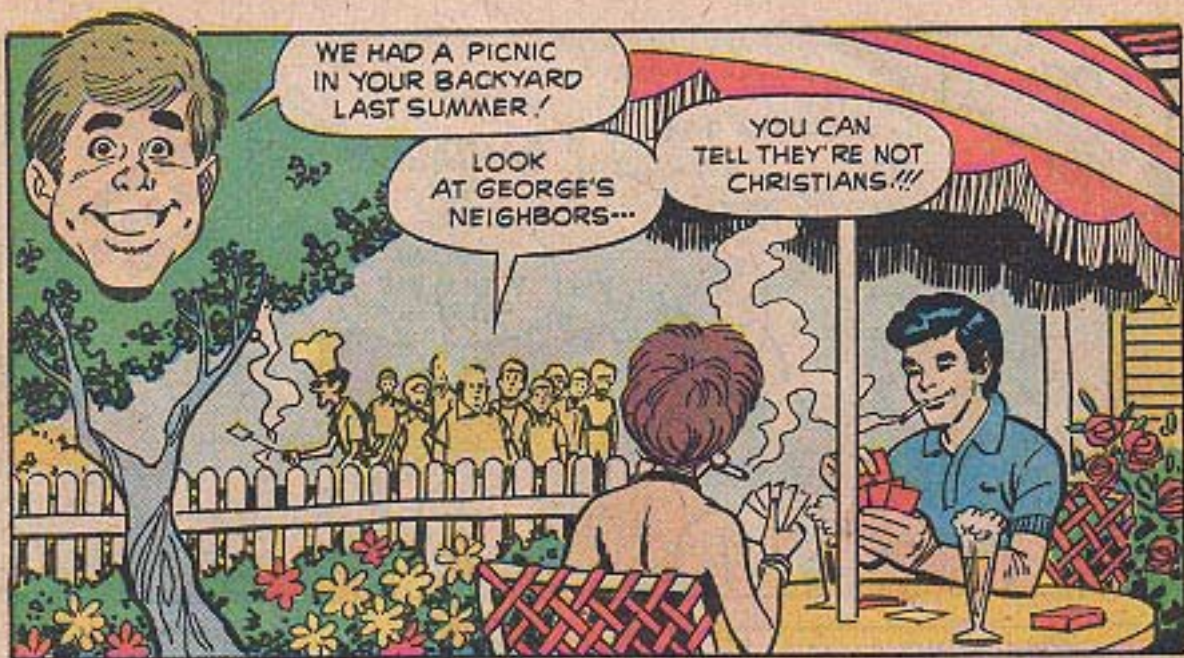
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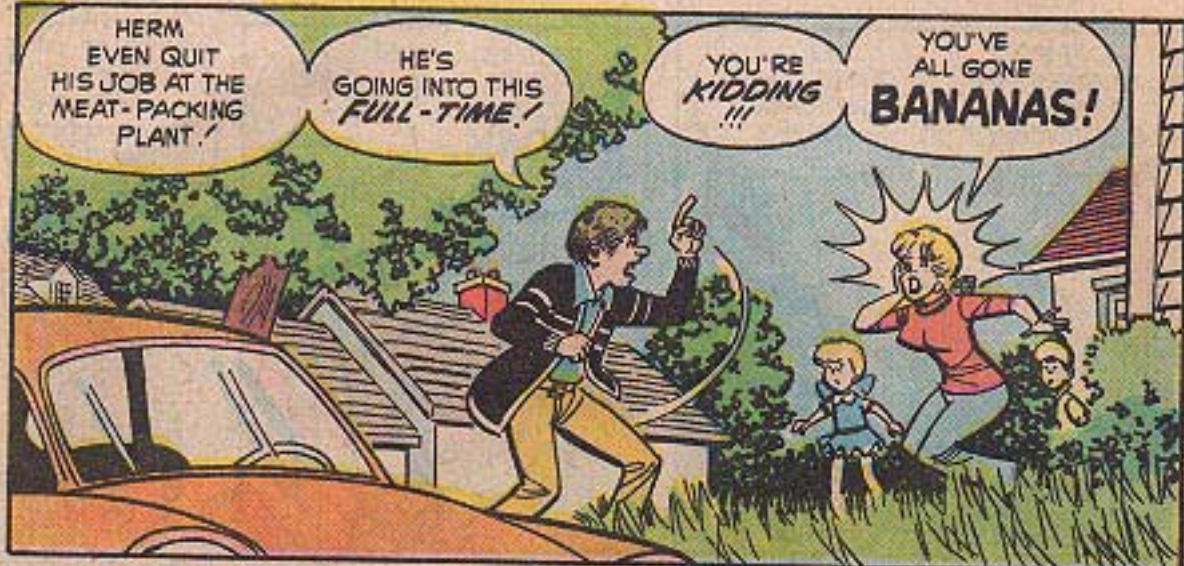
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OUR
NEW PILOT
ADDED A
MISSIONARY
EMPHASIS
EVERY
SATURDAY!



AND SPEAKING OF SATURDAYS---

IT WAS
AWFUL!

OH, THAT
**HORRIBLE
BLIMP!**

SLAM!



I WAS
NEVER SO
EMBARRASSED!

WHAT
???

WHAT
HAPPENED
???

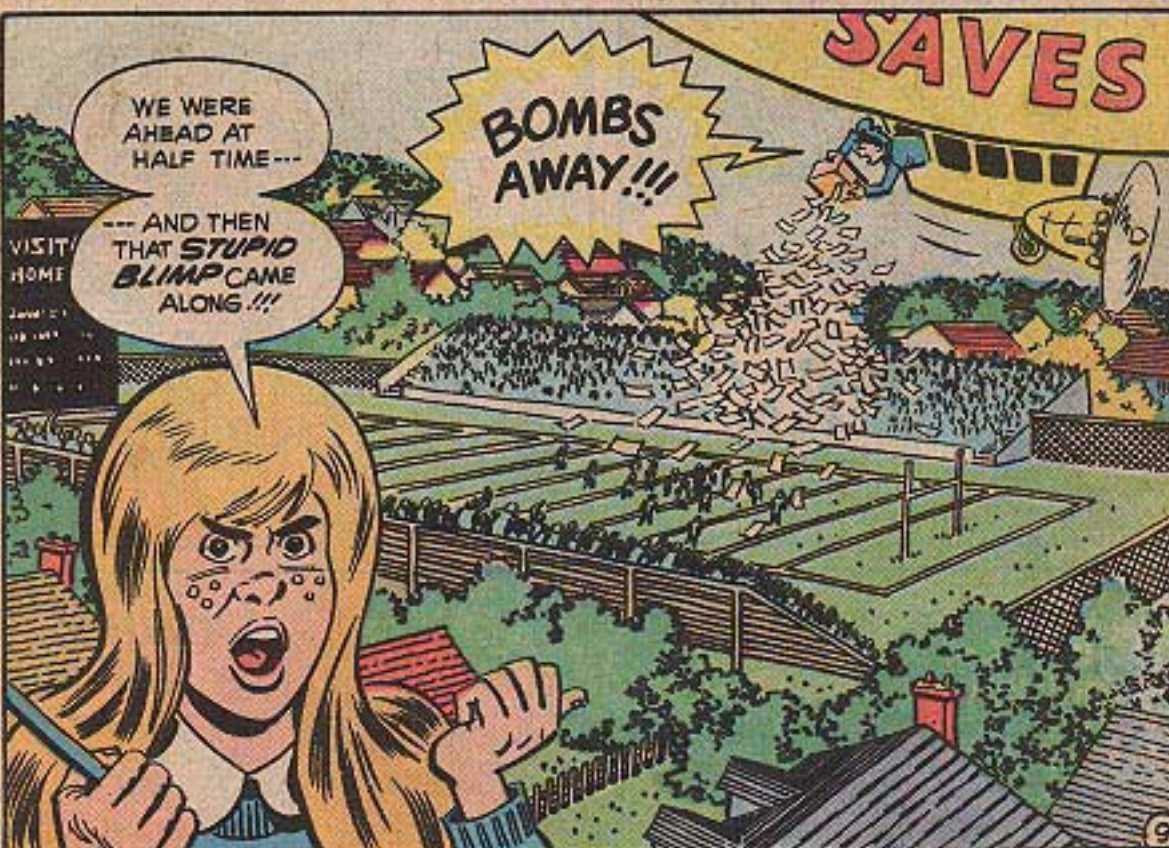


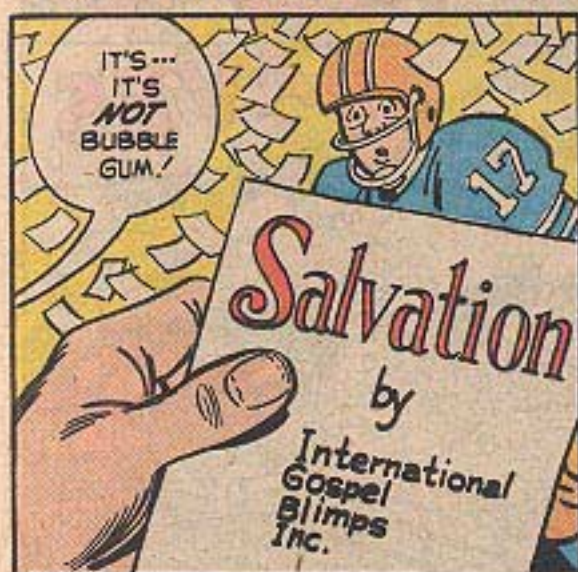
WE WERE
AHEAD AT
HALF TIME---

--- AND THEN
THAT **STUPID
BLIMP** CAME
ALONG !!!

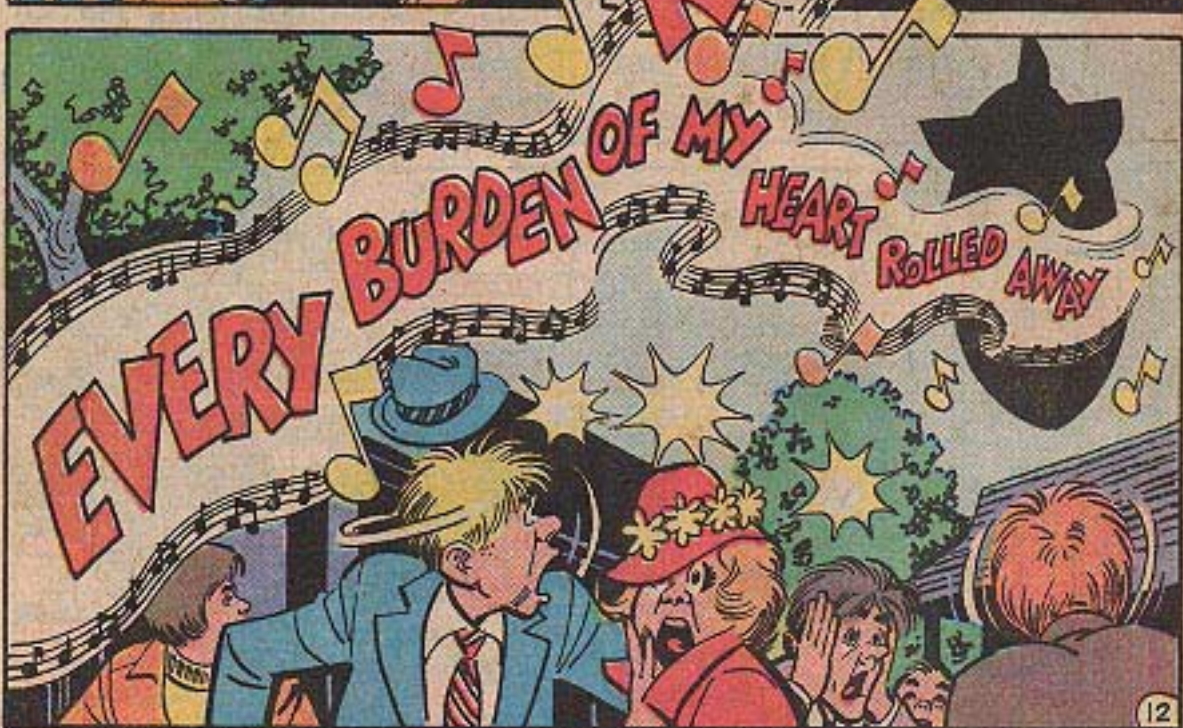
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AWAY!!!**

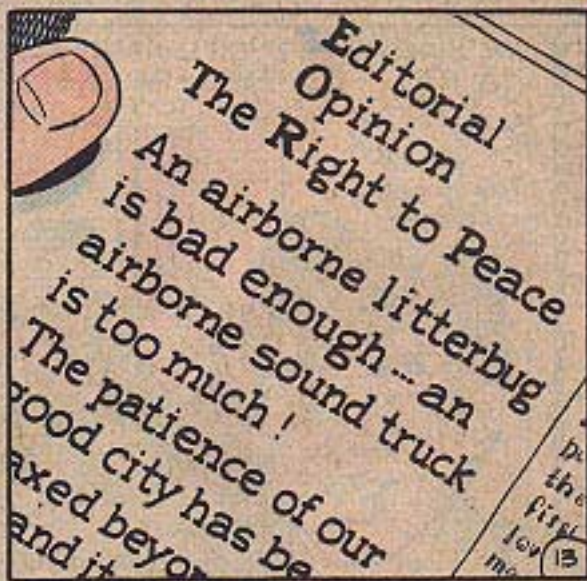
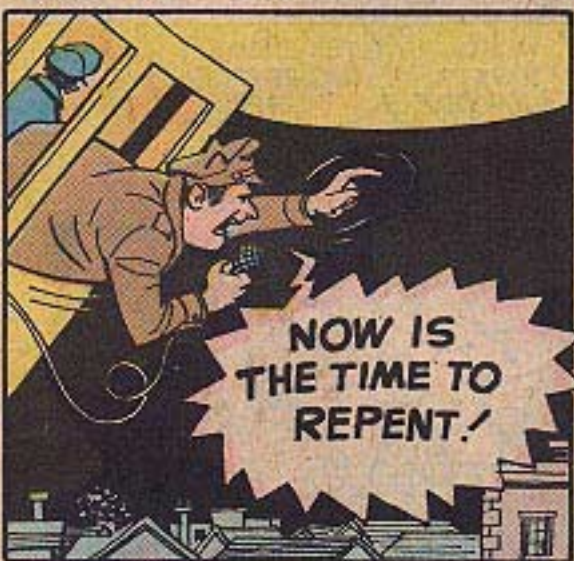
SAVES













THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALLED AN EMERGENCY MEETING !!!

AND BEFORE WE EVEN GOT STARTED...

IT'S THE PILOT!

I.G.B



SOMEONE BROKE INTO THE HANGER !

THE P. A. SYSTEM'S BEEN SABOTAGED !



WE'LL HAVE IT *FIXED!*

THE ENEMY WON'T STOP US !!!



WE HIRED A P. R. MAN---

YOU'LL HANDLE FUND - RAISING , TOO ---

--- OUR BUDGET IS FIVE THOUSAND A MONTH !

COOL , BABY !!!

---TO MEND OUR FENCES !

OUR NEW P. R. MAN WAS A
REAL FIRECRACKER !!!
AND HE GOT RESULTS !!!



WE BEGAN TO GET A
BRAND-NEW IMAGE--- BUILT
AROUND HERM !!!



SOON
PEOPLE BEGAN
TO TAKE **PRIDE**
IN THE GOSPEL
BLIMP.

AFTER ALL,
NO OTHER
TOWN HAD
ONE.

REPENT

HOW DOES **THIS**
GRAB YOU, BOYS---

--- WE'LL REACH OUT TO THE
ETHNIC GROUPS---

I.G.B.I.

EACH NIGHT WE'LL USE
A DIFFERENT
LANGUAGE.

I.G.B.I.

I
LIKE
IT!

CHRIST
DER RETTER
IST DA

GUTEN ABEND
MEINE HERRN
UND DAMEN---

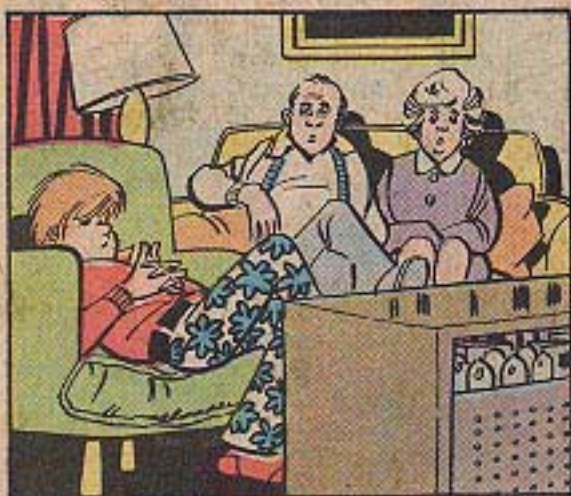
GULP!

IT WAS ON **CHINESE**
NIGHT THAT ALL OUR
GOOD WILL WAS
WIPE OUT!!!

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FOLKS HAD JUST SETTLED DOWN IN
FRONT OF THE TUBE ---

--- AND : GASP : IT HAPPENED !!!



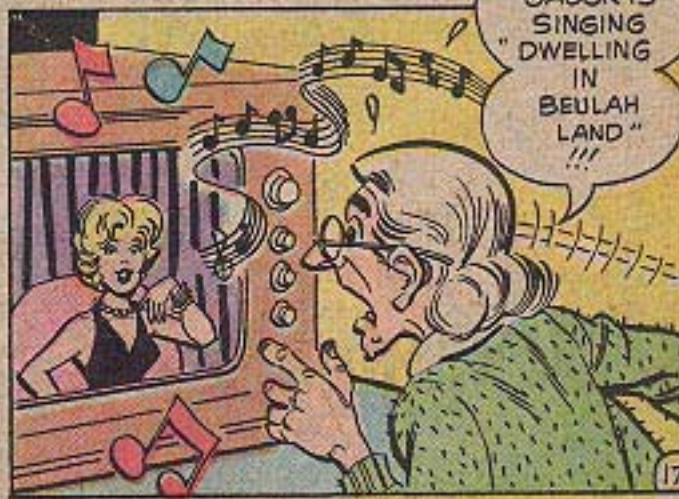
T.V. VIEWERS ALL OVER TOWN
FRANTICALLY SWITCHED CHANNELS---

--- BUT THE SOUND
WAS THE SAME !!!



AFTER THE SERMON IN CHINESE
ENDED, THE BLIMP TRANSMITTED
SOME GOOD OLD FAMILIAR
HYMNS ---

--- BUT THE ELECTRONIC
SCRAMBLE CONTINUED !



THIS IS
WORSE THAN
THE CENTRAL
GAME !!!

I CAN'T
GO TO SCHOOL
TOMORROW !!!

HE'S
DUE TO
STAY UP
THERE FOR
TWO MORE
HOURS !!!

THE ENTIRE TOWN
TRIED EVERY POSSIBLE
WAY TO GET THE BLIMP
PILOT'S ATTENTION---

BUT HE DIDN'T CATCH ON
UNTIL HE LANDED !!!

LET'S
HAVE
THE
BUM
!!!

BURN
THE
BLIMP
!!!

THE POLICE DID
A GREAT JOB
THAT NIGHT ---

-- BUT ALL OF US REALIZED THAT THIS WAS
THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR OUR
BELOVED BLIMP !!!

AND POOR GEORGE SEEMED TO
TAKE IT THE WORST ---

MY
NEIGHBORS---

WHAT WILL
HAPPEN TO
THEM NOW
???

THE
COMMANDER
DIDN'T HELP
THINGS AT
HIS PRESS
CONFERENCE!

UNFORTUNATELY,
HARUMPH! I WAS
OUT OF TOWN DURING
LAST NIGHT'S AHEM!
FIASCO!!!

I.G.B.I.



BUT NOW THAT I AM BACK,
AHEM! I PLEDGE THAT ANY
IRRESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS IN
I.G.B.I. WILL BE **PURGED!!!**



WHAT COULD
HE HAVE
DONE LAST
NIGHT?

HE WOULD HAVE
BEEN AS HELPLESS
AS THE REST
OF US!



LISTEN,
GEORGE
BABY...

--- THE
COMMANDER
IS OUR
IMAGE---

---HE'S GOT
TO LOOK
GOOD!



EVERYBODY
ELSE IS
EXPENDABLE!

THAT'S
NOT THE
CHRISTIAN
WAY
!!!

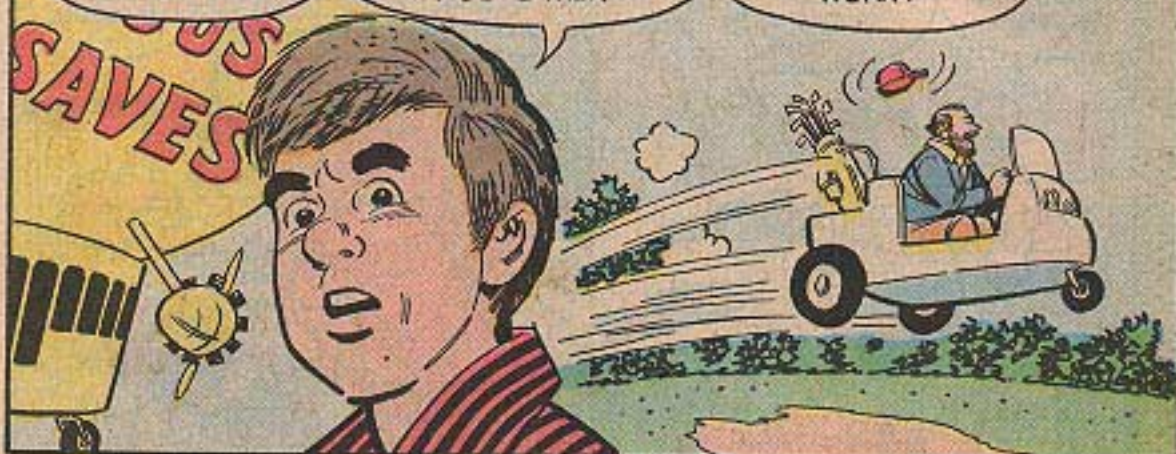


GEORGE SORT
OF DROPPED OUT
OF THINGS AFTER
THAT---

--- AS A MATTER
OF FACT WE DIDN'T
SEE THE COMMANDER
MUCH EITHER---

--- HE WAS BUSY
AT THE COUNTRY
CLUB WITH P.R.
WORK !

US
SAVES



SAY---

ISN'T
THAT
YOUR
BLUMP,
HERM ?

UH---
YES,
IT
IS !

I *TOLD* THEM
NOT TO FLY OVER
HERE !!!

IT'S TOO
DISTRACTING!



EVER
THINK
OF REACHING
OUT WITH THAT
THING, HERM ?

WELL,
UH---
THAT'S
THE
IDEA !



I MEAN
THERE ARE
MANY **SOCIAL**
ISSUES---

OH, OUR
SUPPORTERS
WOULDN'T GO
ALONG WITH
THAT,!

WELL, YOU
COULD GET
NEW
SUPPORT---

BIG
SUPPORT---

---MY
FIRM
FOR
EXAMPLE!



LATER --- AT OUR I. G. B. I.
BOARD MEETING ---

GOD
RAISED UP
THE BLIMP!

WE
SHOULDN'T
CHANGE
THINGS!

THIS
ISN'T
A
CHANGE---

I. G.



---IT'S
JUST A
NEW
EMPHASIS
!!!

BEAUTIFUL,
COMMANDER
BABY!

WE
WON'T
TAKE A
VOTE
TONIGHT---

---YOU
BOYS
THINK
IT
OVER---

---PRAY
ABOUT
IT!

JUST
BEAUTIFUL
!!!



ON
THE WAY
HOME, I
STOPPED
TO VISIT
GEORGE...



HE WENT
TO THE SHORE
WITH THE MAN
NEXT DOOR...

... THE ONE
WE'VE BEEN
PRAYING
FOR!



WELL, TELL GEORGE
WE COULD USE HIS HELP
ON THE BLIMP IF HE
GETS ANY FREE
TIME!

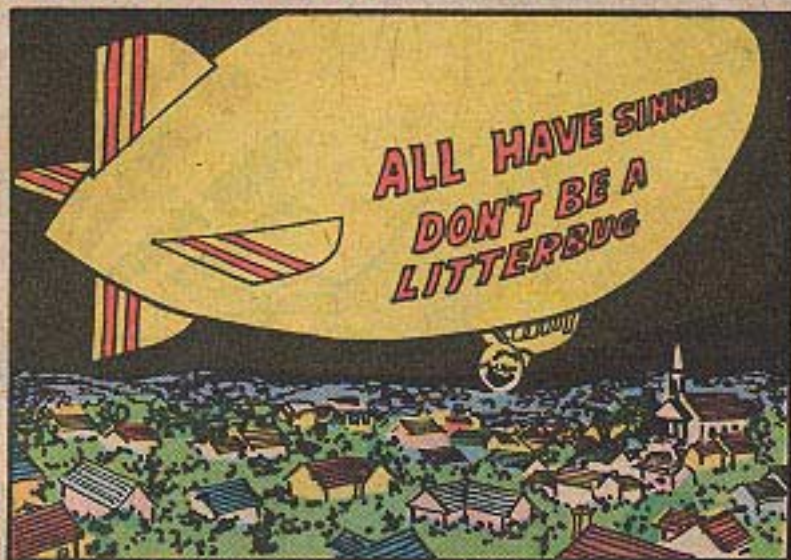
I'LL
TELL
HIM,
JOE...



... IT'S EASY
TO GET OUT OF
THE WORLD ON
A BLIMP, ISN'T
IT?



A
FEW
WEEKS
LATER,
THE
BLIMP
CARRIED
THE
NEW
EMPHASIS!



THE
ECOLOGISTS
BEGAN
TO
SUPPORT
US!



CONSUMER
GROUPS
GOT ON
THE
BAND-
WAGON!



BIG
BUSINESS
LOVED
US!

IN
FACT,
THE
WHOLE
TOWN
LOVED
US!!!



THE COMMANDER BROUGHT HIS
COUNTRY CLUB CRONIES ON THE
BOARD---

I.G.B.I.

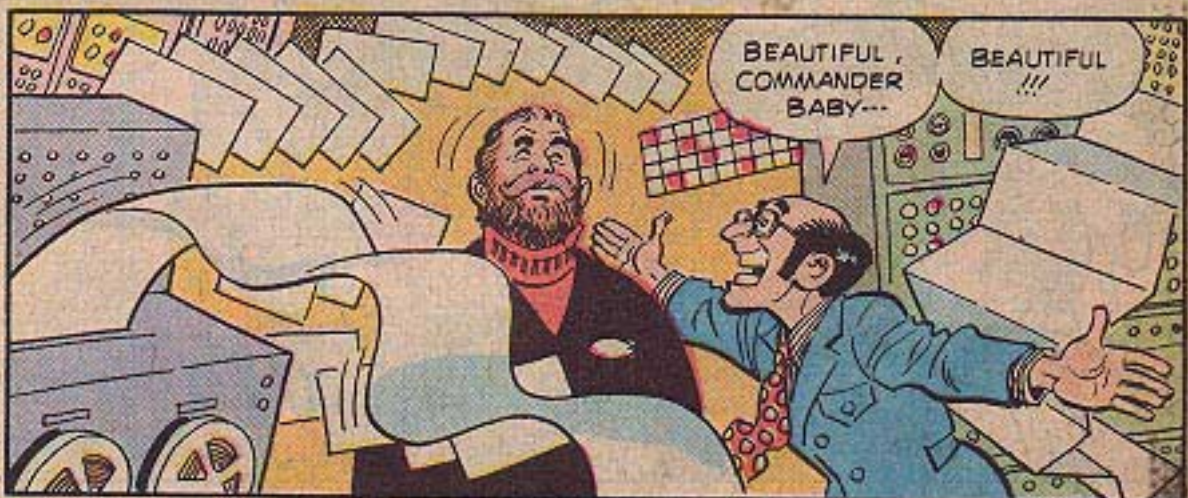


NOW WE WERE
REALLY ORGANIZED!

WE HAD
CHARTS---

... MARKET
SURVEYS---

...COMPUTER
ANALYSIS---



BEAUTIFUL,
COMMANDER
BABY---

BEAUTIFUL
!!!

WE
ADDED ONE
LUMP OF
LEAVEN
AFTER
ANOTHER!

AND
THEN
GEORGE
INVITED
US ALL
OVER TO
HIS
HOUSE
FOR A
SURPRISE !!!



THAT'S
GEORGE'S
NEIGHBOR---

THE ONE
WHO SMOKES
AND DRINKS!

THREE YEARS AGO TONIGHT,
THE GOSPEL BLIMP WAS BORN
RIGHT HERE !!!



I'VE INVITED MY NEIGHBORS
BECAUSE THEY WERE REALLY
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BLIMP !



I REMEMBER
THAT NIGHT ---

--- I CAN STILL
SEE THEM OVER
THE FENCE ---

---UH---

DRINKING
BEER !



WELL, GOD
ANSWERED
OUR PRAYERS !

THEY'VE
BECOME
CHRISTIANS
!!!



Y - YOU'RE
SAVED
???

THAT'S
RIGHT
!!!



WAS IT
A VERSE
ON THE
BLIMP ?

OR A
FIRE
BOMB
???

DAY
OR
NIGHT
???

I MEAN WAS
THE VERSE IN
ELECTRIC
LIGHTS ???

NO ---

IT WASN'T
THE BLIMP
AT ALL !!!

IN FACT,
THE BLIMP
IRRITATED
ME !

THE P.A.
SYSTEM
WAS
NOISY...

AND THE FIRE BOMBS
CLUTTERED MY LAWN AND
RAIN GUTTERS !!!



AND GEORGE
AND ETHEL HAD
ME OVER FOR
SUPPER EVERY
NIGHT!!!

AFTER
SUPPER
GEORGE
READ THE
BIBLE AND
PRAYED---
AND IT
ALL MADE
SENSE!



MY WIFE AND
I REALIZED
JESUS WAS ALIVE
IN THESE
PEOPLE---

--- IT
WASN'T
AN
ACT.!!!



IF THEY HAD JUST
TALKED JESUS---
INSTEAD OF
LIVING HIM---

---WE
PROBABLY
WOULDN'T
BE
CHRISTIANS
TONIGHT
!!!

BUT THERE
WAS A **LOVE**
AND A **POWER**
IN THEIR LIVES
THAT WAS
IRRESISTIBLE!

AND WE
WANTED IT IN
OUR LIVES,
TOO.!!!



SO WE GOT
DOWN ON OUR
KNEES---

--- AND
PRAYED TO
GOD!

AND THROUGH
CHRIST HE'S
FORGIVEN OUR
SINS!!!

WE GAVE GOD
OUR **OLD** LIVES ---

AND HE'S GIVEN US
BRAND-NEW LIVES!



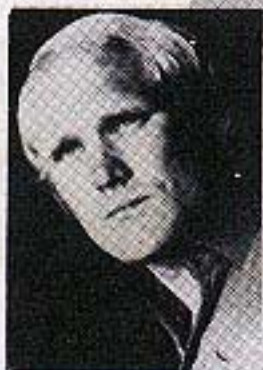


LET'S NOT JUST **SAY** WE LOVE PEOPLE, LET'S **REALLY** LOVE THEM AND **SHOW** IT BY OUR **ACTIONS** SEE 1 JOHN 3:18

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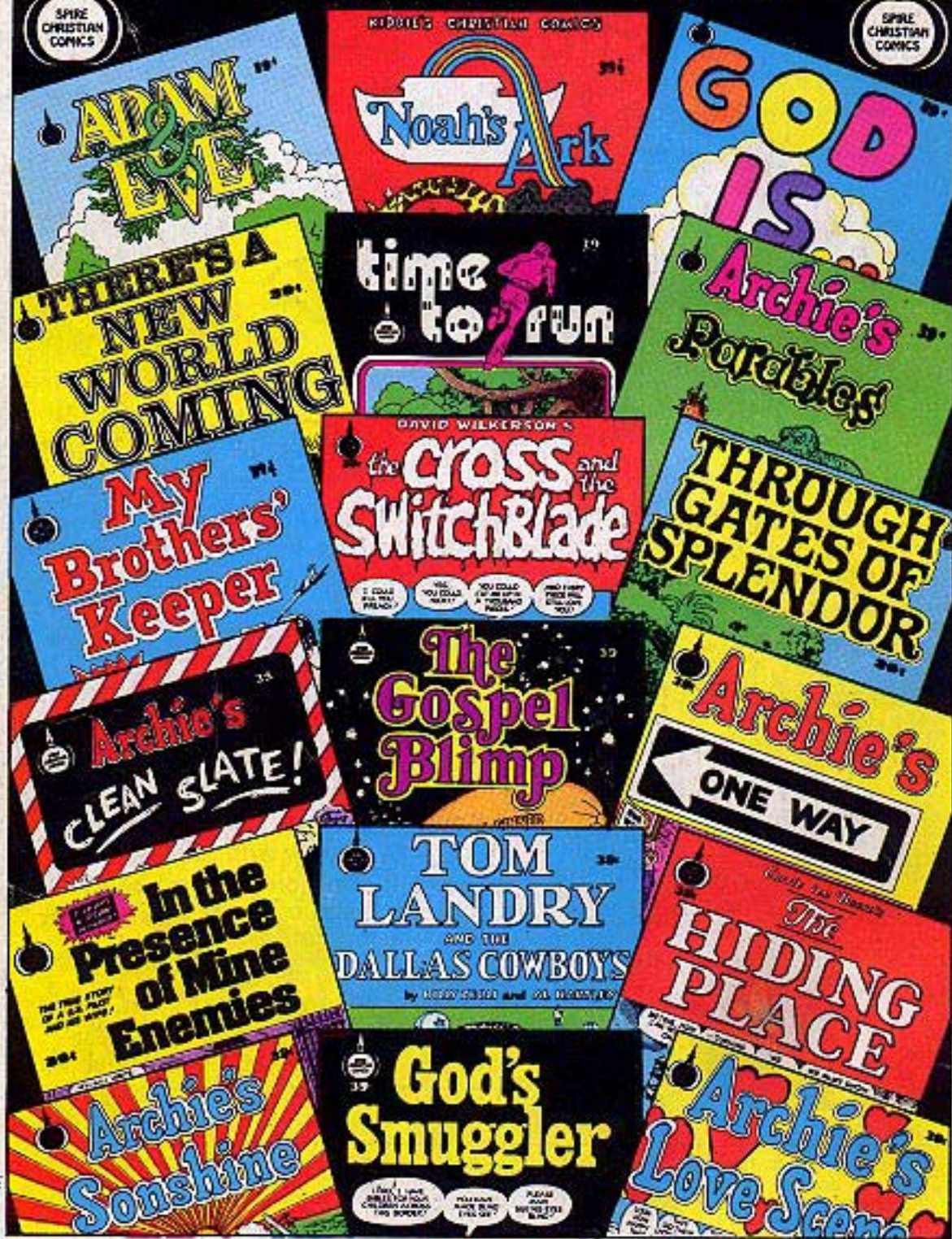
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